

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 9, 14 and 17 as follows:

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9. (Amended) A vibration damper for a tubular propeller shaft in the drive train of a motor vehicle, the vibration damper comprising:
a sleeve, the sleeve defining a radial and circumferential direction;
a mass body mounted concentrically in the sleeve;
a plurality of rubber spring elements for mounting the mass body to the sleeve; and
a plurality of flexible stop elements disposed circumferentially between each adjacent pair of spring elements and disposed between the mass body and the sleeve for limiting a vibration travel of the mass body at least in the radial direction, wherein each stop element extends over a larger circumferential angle than the spring elements and occupy a large portion of a space between the mass body, the spring elements and the sleeve.

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14. (Amended) The vibration damper as recited in claim 9 further comprising a propeller shaft mounted concentrically with the sleeve and wherein the sleeve includes a first and a second tube segment joined together, the first tube segment having a greater outside diameter than an outside diameter of the second tube segment and corresponding approximately to an inside diameter of the propeller shaft, the second tube segment carrying the mass body on an outer contour, at least one of the plurality of spring elements connecting the second tube segment to the mass body, the mass body being annular at least in an area of connection with the second tube segment.

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17. (Amended) A vibration damper for a tubular propeller shaft in the drive train of a motor vehicle, the vibration damper comprising:
a propeller shaft, the propeller shaft defining a radial and a circumferential direction;
a mass body arranged concentrically in the propeller shaft;
a plurality of rubber spring elements for mounting the mass body to the propeller shaft; and
a plurality of stop elements for limiting a vibration travel of the mass body at least in the radial direction, the stop elements being disposed between the mass